

IN THE WORLD OF SPORTS.

Giants and Metropolitan Teams Made Up and Will Play Their First Game To-day.
House Committee Reports Favorably a National Race Bill.
Berclair Wins the Tennessee Derby.

GIANTS TO PLAY "METS."

First Regular Game of the Harlemites Against the Minor Leaguers.

Irwin Has Weeded Out the Youngsters and Chosen His Regular Team.

ZEARFOSS NUMBERED WITH "VETS."

Pfeiffer and Connaughton Both Retained for the Senior Nine, and Pitcher Seymour May Also Figure as a Star.

Yesterday's Springlike weather was hailed with delight by Manager Arthur Irwin and the candidates for positions on the New York and Metropolitan teams. It was Irwin's intention to keep the boys at work in the gymnasium of the New Manhattan Athletic Club until this afternoon, but the sudden change in the weather caused him to make a change in his plans. All the players under contract reported at the N. M. A. C. at 10 o'clock yesterday morning and put in several hours of good, hard work.

At noon it was decided to send the men to the Polo Grounds and let them put in several hours there at batting and fielding. On his way to the grounds Manager Irwin decided to separate the players of the regular team from the colts, who are to play on the Jersey City, or Metropolitan, team. When Irwin arrived at the grounds he hunted up his regular players, who he has named for this season, and turned over the team to him. John Irwin will have full control of the Mets from now until the close of the season.

Arthur Irwin took the following players to Manhattan Field for practice: Meekin, "Dad" Clarke, German, Farrell, Wilson, H. Davis, G. Davis, Gleason, Pfeiffer, Folger, Connaughton, Van Halteren, Terman and Stafford.

Gleason, who had returned from his home in Camden, Pa., whether he had been suddenly called on account of the death of his father, and had also been detained through the illness of his mother, arrived in New York yesterday morning. The "kid" was lively on the field as the rest of the team, and he looked well as he came out of his room, as if he were in the midst of a championship game.

The chief practice was in batting out of the field, as the grounds were in no shape to permit of in-field playing. Meekin and Clarke put in some good looks at pitching, and both pitchers showed out at times. Meekin was in rare form, and said that his arm was as strong as it ever was.

While the Giants were practicing at Manhattan Field, John Quinn had the following players practicing at the Polo Grounds: Bill Clark, Deberry, Williams, Stogger and Bannan.

If the weather permits, the regulars and the colts will play at Manhattan Field this afternoon. Manager Irwin has decided upon the men who he will carry through the season, and judging from the practice of the team that will play the Princeton Tigers tomorrow afternoon, Fred Pfeiffer and Connaughton will be the stars. Irwin thinks pretty well of the Mets, and believes he will develop into one of the best fielders in the league.

John Irwin has not decided how he will play his men, but according to his own ideas the team will be made up from the regulars and the colts. Clark, first base; Bannan or Williams, second base; Bateman, third base; Mulligan, Boyle or Stogger, shortstop; Mulligan, Boyle, Bettan or Williams, outfielders; Deberry, Kasey, Seymour, Bowen, Lampe and Flynn, pitchers; and Foster and Stogger, catchers. This team may be subject to change according to the development of some of the players, as Arthur Irwin may at any time call upon some "phenom" to fill a position on the regular team, if some one of the colts fall off in their playing. He has arranged a series of exhibition games for his boys to begin the regular season on April 15 and 16 the Mets will play Portland; on the 17th they will tackle Syracuse, and the Athletics of Philadelphia will be their opponents on the 18th.

Manager J. J. Elliott, of the Princeton team, yesterday sent in the batting order for the team that will play the Giants tomorrow. The make-up is as follows: Ward, shortstop; Banton, pitcher and left field; Kasey, pitcher and right field; Boyle, center field; Bradley, center field; Wilson, catcher and left field; Sankley, second base; Gunster, third base; Titus, catcher. Joe Hornum will probably be the umpire.

Manager Irwin yesterday notified Standhope that he could secure his release if he would return to the city and advance him by President Friedman.

The game between the Giants and the New Manhattan Athletic Club will take place in the gymnasium of the latter club tonight.

VICTORIOUS ELM CITY TEAM.

Superior Team Work of the New Haven Bats.

Wilmington, Del., April 9.—The strong New Haven team of the Atlantic League crossed bats this afternoon with Wilmington and beat the home team by the close score of 17 to 10. The weather was cold and the players were obliged to play fast ball.

The home team started in with their eyes on the sphere and kept it there throughout the whole game running up a total of twenty-two hits. Poor team work in the field, however, saved their blushing. New Haven hit the ball very freely, but their victory was due to good team work and the practice which they secured on their Southern trip.

Though the weather was too cool for good bats the closeness of the game made it very interesting to the two hundred spectators. Following is the score:

Wilmington..... 5 0 1 0 2 2 0 3-10
New Haven..... 17 10 0 0 0 0 0 0-10
Left on bases—Wilmington, 3; New Haven, 9.
Struck out by New York: 4; by Kasey, 3. Base on balls—Wilmington, 5; New Haven, 15.
Umpire—Nevel.

Giants Play Indoors To-night.

The game of indoor baseball between teams representing the New York Baseball Club and the New Manhattan A. C., which was scheduled to take place in the New Manhattan "gym" last night, was postponed until this evening play will be called at 8:30 o'clock.

Picked Team to Face Senators.

Washington, April 9.—It was decided tonight that a picked nine from the Department League of this city will play against the Washington Nationals League Club on the Harry Wright memorial day, April 12.

NEW STAND FOR BRIGHTON

An Absolutely Fireproof Structure to Replace the Destroyed Pavilion by July 1.

The contract for the building of the new grand stand of the Brighton Beach Racing Association to replace the old one, destroyed by fire last December, was yesterday awarded to the Passaic Rolling Mill Company, of Paterson. The contract calls for the completion of the stand by July 1.

Owing to the nature of the soil and the impossibility of rearranging the railway terminals, it was found impossible to erect the stand on the backstretch, and the new structure will occupy almost the same site as the old one.

The entire building will be constructed of steel of the highest grade and will be absolutely fireproof. Not a particle of wood will be employed in the construction.

The stand will be built at an angle, and the spectators can view the race without leaving their seats. It will be 250 feet long and 64 feet deep, with a seating capacity of 3,000. It will be supported by steel columns, resting on granite blocks. It will be entirely open back and front, allowing the breeze to blow right through it, no matter what the direction of the wind.

The total span of the roof will be 122 feet, with an overhang of 40 feet in front and 18 feet in the rear. The overhang will be on the cantilever plan, and canvas awning at the rear, which can be lowered inside the stand, will simply project the spectators against sun and rain.

The roof is carried in one span of latticed posts constructed of steel. In the front they will be fifty feet apart, and every occupant of the stand will have an unobstructed view of the race.

The location of the paddock has not as yet been decided upon, although it will probably occupy the site of the old paddock. The judges' stand will be removed fifty feet down the stretch, which will give the horses and jockeys a more direct run on the homestretch.

The space between the stand will be utilized by the restaurant and bars. The main entrance will be on a level with the beach.

The estimated cost of the stand and the improvements to be made to the track, including the new grand stand, is \$1,200,000.

The meeting of the association will begin on July 22, continuing to August 14, a total of twenty-one days' racing. As there are some changes in the program, the association may also hold a supplementary meeting on those dates.

The summer meeting, including steeplechases and hurdle races, and the added money to each of the events will run from \$1,000 up to \$2,000.

FORDHAM WON FIRST GAME

New York University Team Beaten on the Diamond by 4 to 1.

The Fordham College baseball team played their first game of the season yesterday on the home grounds with the New York University team.

The field was wet and soggy and covered in places with patches of snow. Both teams played poorly. New York University's fielding being particularly wretched.

Both pitchers did excellent work. Valentine, the New York University twirler, doing nearly all the work for his team. Mr. McLean won the game with a 4 to 1 score. The game was a true run out, and the best of the day was a true run out. Thorpe's good judgment had considerable to do with the result. As he won the Arkansas Derby with Lady Inez very recently, he evidently knew what he had to beat and how to do it.

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CORNELL ATHLETES AT WORK.

Training Started at Ithaca With Promising Lacrosse and Track Teams.

Ithaca, April 9.—The Cornell track and lacrosse teams started Spring training today. Captain Lyle, of the latter team, starts with good material, mostly new, but rather promising. Practice in handling the sticks occupied all the time of the afternoon.

Connors, of the Chicago Athletic Club, is taking good care of the track men. He speaks very hopefully, and thinks Cornell will be especially strong in the quarter and half mile races, and will win the high jump. The latter is ambitious to enter also the pole vault and hurdle, but may be persuaded to devote his entire attention to the jump. The team will be weak in the weight contests, there not being a first-class man on hand.

IN THE WHIRL OF THE WHEEL.

May 1 is the date of the first athletic and bicycle games and reception of Company in, Eighth Regiment, and the Greenback Wheelmen. The cycling events will be three in number, and the horse races will be two. There will be a mile race for novices. Entries are open until April 25, and can be filed with C. F. Vanhooker, No. 128 West Fifth street, or E. Douglas, No. 1300 Second avenue, or Captain C. P. Stauch, No. 240 West Fifty-first street.

The annual dinner of the name of a new cycling organization in Jersey City with a character membership of forty-eight. It is proposed to hold the dinner at the Hotel Hamilton, No. 1000 Madison street, on April 10, and the initial race will be held April 10.

Buffalo will be included in the New York State Spring circuit, and its meet will be conducted by the Press Cycling Club on the new track which is being laid in that city.

The Quill Club Wheelmen held an adjourned session yesterday afternoon at the American Wheelmen office. It was decided to take place in the new building, and the club will also be incorporated. A race meet will be held by the club and the Racing Committee was recommended to take immediate action. The initial run of the season will be held next Sunday, and the Quill will venture into Jersey. Handicapper Wetmore will act as the pilot of the party.

The annual dinner of the Metropolitan Association of Cycling Clubs will take place tonight at the Columbia, on East Forty-second street. The guests will be Mayor Strong, a representative, H. L. Coleman, president of the National Cycle Board of Trade, Chief Consul Potter, of New York, Chief Consul, of New Jersey, C. A. Sheehan, the first president of the association, and other distinguished persons in cycling.

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BERCLAIR WINS THE DERBY

"Doc" McLean's Maiden Captures Tennessee's Coveted Prize.

The Field a Good One, but He Out-foots Them from Flag Fall to Finish.

LADY INEZ, THE FAVORITE, SECOND.

Thorpe's Clever Handling in a Measure Responsible for the Victory—Rockwood, the Winner's Stable Mate, Finished Fourth.

Memphis, Tenn., April 9.—The Tennessee Derby, a race which has been interesting to all lovers of the thoroughbred in this part of the country for years, was decided here this afternoon, and resulted in a clever victory for "Doc" McLean's bay gelding, Berclair, ably ridden by Jockey Thorpe.

The horse, who only started twice last year and had a maiden allowance, was coupled with Rockwood in the betting, and the pair rated second choice, 3 to 1. He only carried 100 pounds, and as soon as the flag fell to a good start, Thorpe rushed him out to make the running, and so well did he succeed in doing it that the others failed to get within a length of him at any stage of the journey. He finally won by three lengths.

Bill McGulgan's entry, Ben Eder and

from all over the State, (One came from President Sterling Elliott, of the L. A. W., and in the message the following was contained:

"Words at my command cannot express my pleasure. It is the greatest stroke of business that the L. A. W. has ever made. I expected you to win, as you are built that way, but I did not expect any such overwhelming majority as you got."

In speaking of the bill, since it was introduced in January last, and its somewhat tardy passage, Mr. Potter said:

"That I am pleased at the results of our efforts is putting it rather mildly, and to those who have stood by us I can only say that we will not forget them. From the outset I have thought that the bill would pass, and I am glad that we are asking only what was fair and just. It did look dark for the measure at one time, but I always felt that it would come down, we worked on with the determination to win as long as there was a chance."

Mr. McLean has been untiring in his efforts, and he is entitled to infinite commendation. He has been a true champion throughout the State, and his victory is a great triumph for the L. A. W. and his friends have achieved a victory of which they may feel proud.

It is announced that formal charges have been lodged against E. J. Tinsdale, who has opposed the bill for consorting with the League of American Wheelmen in furthering legislation that was detrimental to the interests of the body. A copy of the charges have been sent to President Elliott, in Boston, and the membership committee will consider the allegations.

CYCLERS STRIKE A SNAG.

General Collis Objects to Outside Interference and May Refuse to Build the Path Along the Western Boulevard.

The suggestion of Park Commissioner Samuel E. McMillan for the construction of a bicycle path in the middle of the Western Boulevard above Fifty-ninth street, and which was intended by his colleagues at a meeting of the Park Board on Wednesday afternoon, will probably strike a snag in the shape of Public Works Commissioner Collis, who has full charge of our city streets.

After the Park Commissioners discussed the suggestion, they decided to postpone the placing of the boulevard's center at the disposal of the wheelmen of this city, they passed a resolution requesting the Commissioner of Public Works to build the path. This resolution, it is believed, will cause the trouble, as General Collis does not care to have other matters of his department meddle in his affairs or dictate to him. It is a well known fact that General Collis is a lover of all manner of outdoor sports, and that his son is an enthusiastic wheelman; still, there are those who are close to the General who believe that he will never agree to sanction the cycle path idea on the Western Boulevard.

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